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SUBJECT: ISRAELI EXPLUSION ISSUE AND AUSTRIAN CONCERN FOR UN

REFS: A. STATE 176630 B. VIENNA 7170

1. FM DIRECTOR INT. ORG. AFFAIRS WEIDINGER TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 20 THAT GOA WOULD EXPRESS PUBLICLY, PRIOR TO LIMA MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED, AUSTRIAN OPPOSITION TO EXPLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN OR SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM PARTICIPATION IN UNGA AND UN-RELATED AGENCIES.

2. IN DISCUSSION RE KOREA ITEM (REF B), WEIDINGER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DEVELOPING PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL ATTITUDES IN US TOWARD UN AND EFFECT FURTHER UNPOPULAR UNGA ACTIONS MIGHT HAVE ON US SUPPORT FOR UN. EMBOFF REVIEWED IN DETAIL SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH, WHICH AMBASSADOR HAD DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN BIELKA (VIENNA 6321). AND ALSO PARTICULAR US CONCERN ABOUT EFFORT TO OUST ISRAEL, WHICH EMBOFF HAD DISCUSSED EARLIER WITH WEIDINGER'S DEPUTY (VIENNA 6507). ENSUING DISCUSSIONS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT GOA IS GIVING VERY SERIOUS THOUGHT TO IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT TRENDS IN UN FOR AUSTRIAN INTERESTS IN THAT ORGANIZATION.

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3. WEIDINGER SAID SURVEY OF AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR SCALI SPEECH LAST YEAR HAD THEN ELICITED SURPRISINGLY SANGUINE VIEWS THAT, IN SPITE OF BUFFETING UN WAS TAKING, COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO CLING TO UN SINCE THEY HAD NO ALTERNATIVE. IN RESPONDING, EMBOFF CITED SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT US AND OTHER NATIONS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH IMPORTANT ISSUES MIGHT HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SEEK OTHER WAYS AND FORA IN WHICH TO DEAL WITH THEM IF REASONED DISCUSSION AND CONCRETE PROGRESS NOT POSSIBLE IN UN. EMBOFF SUGGESTED ALSO THAT EXTENT TO WHICH COUNTRIES CLUNG TO UN WOULD PROBABLY DEPEND UPON THEIR CAPABILITY, INCLUDING RESOURCES, OF ACTING THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS.

4. COMMENT: WEIDINGER'S CONCERN ABOUT UN'S FUTURE, THAT EXPRESSED EARLIER TO AMBASSADOR BY FONMIN BIELKA (VIENNA 6321), INTENTION OF GOA TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT AGAINST EFFORT TO OUST ISRAEL, AND APPARENT INTENTION OF GOA REP AT LIMA MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED TO ADVNACE HELPFUL VIEWS ON SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED KOREAN RESOLUTIONS INDICATE TO EMBASSY THAT IT WILL NOW BE USEFUL TO REINFORCE GOA'S APPARENTLY FAVORABLE TREND OF THOUGHT AND ACTION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF US UN DELEGATION SEIZE ANY OPPORTUNITY THAT MAY ARISE TO REITERATE TO FONMIN BIELKA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF AUSTRIAN DELEGATIONS TO FORTHCOMING UNGA SPECIAL AND REGULAR SESSIONS OUR CONCERN ABOUT TRENDS AT UN. MEEHAN

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